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BEFORE & AFTER Protection Wall Improves Access

An erosion protection wall improves irrigation and links Barakzo village to nearby markets

Years of erosion had turned the entrance to Barakzo village, in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar, into a swampy quagmire. An adjacent canal had expanded its banks until the road was no longer accessible to large produce trucks from the nearby Panjwayi District markets. With the construction of a 115-meter erosion protection wall funded by USAID, large trucks now have no trouble getting out to area farmers, and a greater volume of irrigation water is reaching local farms. The project provided two months of short-term employment to more than 50 village laborers.



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BEFORE The entrance to Barakzo village was inaccessible to large trucks owing to years of erosion from an adjacent canal. Local farms also suffered from decreased irrigation.



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AFTER Following construction of a 115-meter erosion protection wall and backfilling, the village is now accessible to produce buyers from the Panjwayi District markets, and more water is reaching local fields.